

May 2010

Dear Parents,

What a blessing it is for me to be able to see each of your children in English class during the 2010/2011 school year! A great deal of thought and preparation is taking place now to make sure your child's fifth grade experience is enjoyable and meaningful.

Part of the fifth grade language arts experience includes summer reading. The goal of summer reading is to keep students engaged in learning and allows them to practice vocabulary building, reading comprehension, and basic writing skills.

Students will need to choose **one** book from Mrs. Kelly's Reading Picks, and **one** book from the Battle of the Books list. The Battle of the Books selections are the books from the Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program. These books have just been published; therefore, I have not pre-read all these selections. Please work with your child as he/she picks and reads the BOB books. Please allow your child to pick their books based on reading ability and interest. Students should not pick a work they have already read. Students will also need to complete the attached report form for the books. I would strongly recommend that students keep a journal as they read. This will help them retain information needed for the written assignment. The written requirements should be completed in the student's best handwriting or should be typed. A power point presentation can also be created with a different slide for each of the requirements. Requirements need to be met as indicated for full points to be given.

If you have any questions concerning summer reading, please feel free to contact me at Christy.Kelly@nck12.com.

I am praying that you all have a safe and relaxing summer. I will be working hard in preparation for you in the fall. I look forward to seeing you then!

Mrs. Kelly

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Name _____

(**Title** - 5pts)

(**Author** - 5pts)

Vocabulary - List, correctly spell, and define **five** unfamiliar terms used in the novel. (10pts)

Characters - Name and give a brief description of **each** of the main characters. (10pts)

Setting - In a paragraph of at least **three** sentences describe the setting of the story in detail. The setting would include where and when the story takes place. (10pts)

Plot Summary - In a paragraph of at least **five** sentences, summarize the important events of the novel in chronological order. (20pts)

Climax - In a paragraph of at least **three** sentences, explain either the turning point or the climax (the point of highest excitement) in detail. The climax will take place toward the end of the book and usually occurs when a major conflict in the story is resolved. (10pts)

Critique - In a paragraph of at least **five** sentences, explain how you felt about the novel. Tell what you liked and disliked, and what you would change to make it better if you were the author. (20pts)

Grammar/Spelling -- (10pts)

Fifth Grade Reading List

Mrs. Kelly's Reading Picks

Banks, Lynn Reid-*The Indian in the Cupboard*
Catling, Patrick-*The Chocolate Touch*
Cleary, Beverly-*The Mouse and the Motorcycle*
Clements, Andrew-*Frindle*
Cohen, Barbara-*Thank You Jackie Robinson*
Fleischman, Sid-*The Whipping Boy*
George, Jean Craighead-*My Side of the Mountain*
Holt, Kimberly Wilson-*My Louisiana Sky*
L'Engle, Madeleine-*A Wrinkle in Time*
Lewis, C.S.-*The Magician's Nephew*
Lord, Cynthia-*Rules*
Lowry, Lois-*Number the Stars*
MacLachlan, Patricia-*Sarah, Plain and Tall*
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds-*Shiloh*
Rawls, Wilson-*Where the Red Fern Grows*
Wilder, Laura Ingalls-*Little House in the Big Woods*

Battle of the Books-Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program

Avi-*The Seer Shadows*
Beatty, Andrea-*Cicada Summer*
Broach, Elise-*Masterpiece*
Delaney, M. C.-*Obi, Gerbil on the Loose*
DiTerlizzi, Tony-*Kenny & the Dragon*
Feldman, Jodi-*The Gollywhopper Games*
Foster, Victoria-*The Girl Who Could Fly*
Giff, Patricia Reilly-*Eleven*
Henkes, Kevin-*Bird Lake Moon*
Holt, Kimberly Willis-*Piper Reed, Navy Brat*
Lupica, Mike-*Safe at Home*
Mass, Wendy-*11 Birthdays*
Napoli, Donna Jo-*Mongo, the Third Warthog*
Wolf, Joan-*Someone Named Eva*
Yep, Laurence-*The Earth Dragon Awakes: the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906*